



**Fos•ter** *verb.* 1. to nurture and rear, as a temporary guardian; 2. to nourish; sustain or support; encourage; cherish.

Are You Ready?

**You've already helped in dog rescue**, either by driving a leg of a transport, adopting, doing a home visit, donating, or some other meaningful support. Are you ready to consider the biggest help of all—FOSTERING? Are you wondering if you can do it? *New Rattitude makes it easy!*

### **New Rattitude Lets You Follow Your Heart**

- We allow each foster family to decide when they are ready for a new foster dog.
- We allow each foster family to choose which dog they want to foster— young or old, male or female, big or little, special needs or turnkey.
- We do not place limitations on intake of dogs with special medical needs.

### **New Rattitude Supports Our Foster Homes**

- We provide one-on-one training for each new foster parent.
- We provide a handbook that outlines foster parent responsibilities in an easily referenced ten-step format.
- We publish all our policies and provide a wealth of foster parent resources in the "Den," which is an e-group that links our nationwide network of volunteers and helps them communicate with one another.
- We have a member support network that assists with all aspects of the "job," from intake through adoption.
- We are available 24/7 to support foster parents in the case of medical emergencies.
- We support easy submission of vetting reimbursement requests by fax or email, and we issue reimbursements speedily—usually within 24 hours of request submission—with the option of electronic payments directly into your bank account.
- We reimburse for the expense of boarding foster dogs during out-of-town trips in cases of medical emergency or bereavement.
- We provide an annual training subsidy to help cover the cost of training classes for foster parents enrolling their dogs—either fosters or personal dogs—in obedience training using positive methods to modify behavior, develop manners, increase responsiveness, and/or build confidence.
- We have a transportation team that coordinates ground transports for dogs from shelters to foster homes or foster homes to adoptive homes (subject to distance guidelines), saving our foster parents from having to drive long distances.

### **New Rattitude Covers Expenses of Fostering**

- We reimburse the cost of core vetting (spay/neuter, vaccinations, heartworm test, and heartworm preventative) for all foster dogs.
- We fully cover all necessary vetting (with preapproval) for dogs with special medical needs, including surgeries, medications, and required treatments.
- We provide a broad-spectrum wormer and flea/tick preventative for each foster dog at no cost to the foster parent.
- We reimburse for dog food on our approved list or provide a food stipend for off-list food.
- We offer a stipend for each foster puppy (under 3 months old) to offset the significant non-medical out-of-pocket costs for raising a litter (towels, laundry, cleaning supplies, puppy training pads, time/gas for multiple vet trips, etc.).

### **New Rattitude Supports Our Foster Dogs**

- We provide a microchip for each foster dog and dual-register the chip (both in the name of the adopter and of New Rattitude), providing a lifetime of protection.
- We provide a martingale collar for each foster dog with an ID tag that is engraved with a unique identifying number, along with a toll-free phone number for New Rattitude's Lost Dog Hotline, which is manned 24/7 in case the dog is ever lost, even after adoption.
- We provide an assessment guide for dog food quality and other helpful tools and resources.
- We have a diligent Adoption Team that screens each adoption application (with active involvement and input from the foster parent) to ensure not only that the household would be safe and suitable for an adopted dog but also that the household characteristics match the particular needs for each foster dog.
- On a limited as-needed basis, we will pay for professional behavioral consultations and private in-home training sessions.

### **New Rattitude is a Highly Reputable Organization**

- A 501(c)3 non-profit charity since 2008, all donations are tax-deductible, including ancillary unreimbursed volunteer expenses (such as mileage for transports or trips to a vet).
- We are a fully transparent [GuideStar Exchange partner](#).
- We are a partner with [Best Friends Animal Society's No More Homeless Pets Network](#).

**Fostering for New Rattitude is a life-saving opportunity.**

*We hope we've convinced you to give it a try!*

For more info, visit [NewRattitude.org/support/foster/faq/](http://NewRattitude.org/support/foster/faq/)

To fill out a membership application, go to [NewRattitude.org/support/volunteer/membership-application/](http://NewRattitude.org/support/volunteer/membership-application/)